

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated on March 28, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Please cancel claims 34-46 and 48-64 without prejudice, claims 1-33 and 47 having been previously canceled. Claims 65-66 and 68-71 are amended herein, and claims 72-86 are added. As a result, claims 65-86 are now pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and a 1449 Form on March 4, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests that the initialed copy of the 1449 Form be returned to Applicant's Representatives to indicate that the cited reference has been considered by the Examiner.

Objection to Specification

The preliminary amendment filed July 27, 2004 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132 because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. Applicant believes that the amendments to the claims contained herein have overcome the objection. The objection is traversed for the record, however, and applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application with the same or similar claims before the present amendments.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 65-71 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,622,040. A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the rejection.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 34-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant believes that the amendments to the claims contained herein have overcome the rejections. The rejections are traversed for the record, however, and applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application with the same or similar claims before the present amendments.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 65-67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mower (U.S. Patent No. 4,928,688). Applicant believes that the amendments to the claims contained herein have overcome the rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 68-71 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the double patenting rejections set forth in this office action or upon the filing of a terminal disclaimer and to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 65 has been amended herein to include the limitation recited by claim 68 before the present amendments. Applicant therefore believes that claim 65 as well as claims 66-74 depending therefrom are patentable in accordance with the indication of allowability contained in the office action. New claims 75-84 are also submitted to be patentable over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (847) 432-7302 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,


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